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1. (Unclassified - GLC) Michael Van Dusen, Staff Assistant to Representative Lee Hamilton's (D., Ind.) Near East Subcommittee of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, called to say that he was preparing a letter on Mr. Hamilton's instructions asking that the Agency provide a witness for Subcommittee hearings on the Middle East. I advised Van Dusen of our past practice of appearing only before the full Committee as requested by Chairman Morgan. He said they were not necessarily asking that the Director appear so long as they had a qualified Agency representative. I replied again that any testimony given on the Hill was normally given by the Director but if he had a letter which he wished to send us, we would pick it up when it was ready. He said he would give us a call.

2. (Confidential - GLC) I queried Ed Braswell, on the staff of the Senate Armed Services Committee, about the Committee's proposed release of the testimony of Secretary Laird and Ambassadors Johnson and Godley on Laos. Braswell said that the release of a sanitized version of the testimony had been contemplated from the outset. He said the State Department felt that Ambassador Johnson's testimony would help to offset the impact of the Moose/Lowenstein report of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. He added that this would be the only open testimony which the Armed Services Committee would want to use.

Braswell asked me if the Director had received a request to appear before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Senator Cooper's bill (S. 2224). I told him he had not. Braswell had seen the Congressional Record item stating that the Foreign Relations Committee would want hearings after the recess and we agreed to share any information we might acquire about the witnesses who would appear.

3. (Confidential - GLC) Had several conversations with 25X1A
Mrs. Parker, on the staff of Senator Fong (R., Hawaii), about the interest of [redacted] in meeting with Agency representatives next Monday. See Memo for Record.

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